

PUBLIC MARRIAGES

Meet the Easter of 1908—All
Engagements Are
Barred.

NEW LAID DOWN BY CHURCH.

This New Rule, However, Will Not
Be Retroactive and Does Not Affect
Marriages Already Contracted in
Other Conditions.

After Easter, 1908, members of the
Roman Catholic church cannot slope
over, and have their union registered
in the church. Marriages contracted
before the civil authorities never
were favored by the church, but the
church has for a long time been up in
arms against such marriages, although
their legality was never disputed.

A recent encyclical coming from
Rome, and which will go into effect
after Easter, brands as null and void
in the eyes of the church, any marriage
that is not duly celebrated in
the presence of a duly qualified priest
and two witnesses. The same is true
of any marriage in which either of
the parties is, or has been, a Catholic.

Up to this time, when a Catholic in
these countries, in defiance of the law
of the church, has been married either
in a Protestant church, or in a
registry office, the church held the
marriage to be sinful and sacrilegious,
and the parties guilty of grievous sin,
but at the same time recognized the
marriage as far as being valid and binding,
and the parties to be truly man
and wife. After Easter next, such
marriages in Protestant churches, or
in registry offices will be for Catho-
lics not only sinful, but invalid,
and the persons contracting them will
have morally gone through an empty
ceremony and will be no more man
and wife than they had been before
in the eyes of the church.

But on the other hand, it does not
affect those who are not and never
have been, Catholics. Consequently,
Protestants, and non-Catholics generally
are outside its scope, and the mar-
riages of such in their churches, or
conventions, or registry offices are
recognized by the Catholic church; all
things else permitting, as real, true
marriages.

Another point is that the church
for the future will recognize no spon-
sorial, or betrothal, as having canoni-
cal effect unless it has been made in
writing and signed by both parties
and by the parish priest or the bishop,
or at least in the presence of two wit-
nesses.

Such will be the requirements of
the church for the valid reception of
the sacrament of matrimony. The
new law, however, is not retroactive
and does not touch marriages made
in other conditions before this time.

PREVENTIVE.

Sharon Man Claims He Can Stop
Mine Explosions.

SHARON, Pa., Dec. 25.—(Special)—
J. A. McClure, who for 23 years was
employed in the mines of the Monon-
gahela valley and elsewhere as a pit
boss, miner, etc., claims to have a
scheme for preventing mine explosions.
He says he can overcome gas,
damp, and dust.

Mr. McClure and three others who
are interested are so certain they
have solved the problem that they
will put up a bond of \$5,000 and for-
feit it if the scheme does not result
satisfactorily. They need \$5,000 to
put their plan in operation, and the
bond would protect the person furnishing
the amount. McClure is so
certain his plan will not fail that he
is willing to try one of the most gas-
ous mines known.

BANQUET FOR MARTIN.

Popular Coke Man Is Remembered by
Bessemer Employees.

MASONTOWN, Pa., Dec. 23.—The
skilled employees of the Bessemer
Coke Company gave a banquet and
smoker at the Hotel Leroy in Ma-
sontown on Saturday evening and
took advantage of the occasion to pre-
sent R. J. Martin, Jr., Assistant General
Manager, with a handsome gold
watch and chain.

The tables were arranged in the
shape of a cross and covers were laid
for 40 guests. In the center of the ta-
bles a miniature coke plant was in
operation, with triple oars, laries and
ovens, the oven being lighted in the
interior with incandescent red lights.
It made a very nice appearance.

DIED OF WOUND.

Rico's Landing Negro, Turner Reed,
shot last Thursday.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Dec. 23.—(Spe-
cial)—Turner Reed, who was shot at
Rico's Landing last Thursday night,
died yesterday in the Memorial hospital
at Monongahela.

Reed and James Fields, both negroes,
quarreled over the possession
of a razor, and it is said, Fields shot
in self defense. Fields is in the
Greene county jail.

Died Alone.

Miss Alcinda Thompson, who was
widely known among the people of
Uniontown, died suddenly at her home
on West Church street, Uniontown,
some time Saturday. Her body was
not found until yesterday. Miss
Thompson was 60 years old, and for
some time conducted a private school
at Uniontown.

MAKES TOWN DEMOCRATIC.

Disaster Robs Jacobs Creek of Repub-
lican Voters.

JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 23.—(Spe-
cial)—This little hamlet has been
depopulated of more than half of its
voters. Always a strong Republican
district it is now hopelessly Democratic.
This information was received from
Antel Ginter, one of the leading
citizens and Chairman of the Board
of Elections. "He knew almost every
man by sight who worked in the mine.
The majority of the 60 Americans
known to be still living on this side of
the river. All owned comfortable
homes and were excellent citizens."

"They were a fine lot of boys," said
Ginter, "and did their work well. In
making this a prosperous little town,
God knows how, it is going to get along
without them. Some of them were
comfortably situated, but a majority
of them were young, married men and
pioneers for their homes. It is hard,
mighty hard, on those left behind."

"Yes, we got out 91 votes at the last
election, and 69 of them were Repub-
licans. We can't do it next time,
though, as nearly 50 of those boys
have been lost. The Democrats have
the best of it now."

MAY SOON REOPEN.

People's Bank at California, Pa., About

READY for Business.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Dec. 23.—(Spe-
cial)—It is expected that the Peo-
ples Bank at California, which was
closed by order of State Banking Com-
missioner Berkey several weeks ago,
will reopen Saturday. Mr. Berkey
will go to California next Tuesday
when the Directors will make a formal
request for his release.

The \$2,500 required to be raised to
insure resumption has either all been
paid in or guaranteed with good se-
curity. All losses through the misuse
of money by Cashier Oliver Piper have
been made good.

PIONEER DEAD.

Hugh Farmer, Who Was an Old Re-
sident of Tyrone Township.

Hugh Farmer, a pioneer of the Mor-
gan Valley, died on Thursday last
and was buried on Sunday afternoon.
Interment was at Bethel cemetery,
near Dawson. He is survived by two
sons, Clark of Owensdale, and Abbott
of Connellsville, and by two daugh-
ters, Miss Emma Farmer, of McKees-
port, and Mrs. Martha M. Moormyer
of Irwin.

Mr. Farmer was aged 78 years. He
had lived in the Morgan Valley all
his life and was highly respected by
those who knew him.

Attempted Suicide.

Mrs. Mary O. Shanborger at-
tempted suicide at her home at Union-
town Saturday night and was only
saved at the Uniontown Hospital by
the prompt work of physicians. She
drank iodine and whisky.

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Christmas
Shoes and Slippers.

We have by far the best line of
footwear in this city and at lowest
prices.

Men's Shoes
\$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 to \$5.00
Ladies' Shoes
\$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.00 to \$3.50
Boys' Shoes
\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75 to \$2.50

Slippers for Men, Women and
Children at prices from
50c to \$2.00

Gorman & Co.

THE SOISSON,

Christmas Matinee and
Night.

Wednesday Dec. 25.

The Never Failing Delight
W. E. NANKERVILLE'S
ENORMOUS TRIUMPH

THE
CHOIR
SINGER,

A TRUE STORY OF RURAL LIFE

Abounding in Humanity, Bubbling
Over With Joyous Comedy.

It is So Soft, Tender and Sweetly
Pathetic, It Stirs Every Emotion
of the Human Heart.

PRICES
Matinee, 15, 25, 35, 50, and 75
Night, 25, 35, 50, 75, \$1.00
Seats on sale at Box Office of Theatre.

IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Odd Chairs
\$4 to \$75

Morris Chairs
\$5 to \$50

Piano Benches
\$9 to \$25

Sideboards
\$12 to \$150

Tables
\$5 to \$125

Leather Chairs
\$3 to \$15

China Closets
\$12 to \$150

Mission Rocker
6.50 to \$40

Leather Couches
\$28 to \$125

Pedestals
\$4 to \$15

Brass Beds
\$22 to \$125

Dressers
\$7.50 to \$300

Rockers
\$2 to \$50

Music Cabinet
\$6 to \$75



MAGIC LAND

S. HANTMAN, Manager.

SPECIAL **Christmas Week** **EXTRA**
Greatest Show!

IVY & IVY

Positively the Greatest Musical Comedians that ever appeared here.
Full of Fun. Every minute a laugh.

The Great Zento,

HANDCUFF KING and JAIL BRAKER, assisted by MYRTLE ZENTO in her great feats of rope tying. Detectives, Police and Constables are especially invited to place their handcuffs on Zento and he will show them how easy he will take them off.

Miss PEARL DAVENPORT

Special for this week, in a beautiful Hungarian Romance from
"HIS HONOR THE MAYOR."

Latest Moving Pictures.

SPECIAL!

EXTRA!

SPECIAL!

Besides the above features the management will present to the patrons the Great Passion Play, "The Life of Christ," as follows:

MONDAY and TUESDAY, December 23rd and 24th; will be shown; Birth, Childhood and Passion

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, December 25th and 26th; Miracles and Crucifixion

FRIDAY, December 27th; Death and Resurrection.

ALL THE ABOVE PROGRAM—ADMISSION 10 CENTS.

For the benefit of the public we will show every day from 9:00 A. M. till 2:00 P. M. and from 5:00 till 7:00 P. M.
The regular Moving Pictures and the Great Passion Play for.....

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DEALS ARE PAID.

Commissioners
Settle Up Accounts With
Local Citizens Year.

DEALS ARE EXPENSIVE.

Deals are the Care of the
Interstate. During the
past year has costed
the court.

The court had only two questions were involved, the right to condemn and the validity of the bond. The owner fixed his damages at \$5,000, but on cross examination said his property would be of less value after the line is built than it is at present. The sum was fixed at \$1,000 and approved by the court.

The company this morning started work on the right of way in order to extend the line to the borough limits.

LUMBER ALL CUT.

Byers-Allen Company, Winding Up
Their Territory in the Vicinity
of Ligonier.

Special to The Courier.

SOMERSET, Pa., Dec. 23.—A report states that one of the greatest of Ligonier's industries is nearing an end. This is the vast lumbering business which for years has been conducted by the Byers-Allen Lumber Company. Thousands of acres of fine timber have been cut and the logs sawed into lumber and marketed during the past several years, and now it is stated that the resources of the tract have been exhausted and that the Byers-Allen Company are preparing to remove their plants and men to virgin tracts of timber.

Large mills occupy acres of land in the eastern end of Ligonier borough and probably a thousand men reside in Ligonier and swell the population of that town who are in the employ of this great lumber company.

The land which has been lumbered by the Byers-Allen Lumber Company extends for miles along the line of the Pittsburgh, Westmoreland & Somerset railroad and includes the famous Laurel Hills. This country is famous as one of the wildest and most primitive sections in the thickly populated sections of Western Pennsylvania.

CHRISTMAS MONEY.

And How You May Use It to Advan-
tage.

The very wisest thing you can do with money received at Christmas is to put it in a good bank where it will earn interest and be readily available when you need it. Once you have a bank account established you will take pleasure in seeing it grow. You will add to it from time to time and very soon you will have a sum to your credit. The First National Bank, the oldest and strongest National Bank in Connellsville, makes a specialty of savings accounts, furnishes a little Home Safe, free, to assist you in saving and pays 4 per cent compound interest. Your account is constantly in view.

CHURCHES WILL HELP.

Special Collection at Greensburg for
Relief of Families.

GREENSBURG, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Announcements were made in several Greensburg churches yesterday that special collections for the relief of widows and orphans made by the Darr mine explosion are to be taken at the Christmas exercises to be held Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning.

The Business Men's Association at their meeting this evening will consider a proposal to extend financial aid to the sufferers.

JUDGES SOON TO MOVE.

New Court House at Greensburg Will
Be Occupied January 6.

GREENSBURG, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Judge Darr Masters went to his home yesterday to visit his parents. He will be back in town Saturday.

Miss Mary Mahaffey of Pittsburgh was in town for a visit. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mahaffey, of Fairview Avenue, over night in town. They will refund car fare on a regular purchase until Saturday.

Mr. T. J. Moore, of Dawson, was in town Saturday. Dawson will be occupied January 6.

Mr. J. W. Darr, of Greensburg, will be in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Cudwinder, of John Cudwinder, were in town Saturday.

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MAN NEEDS SABBATH.

Judge Wallace, Who Started Sunday Closing Crusade, Tells Why He Did It.

PROCEEDS ON LEGAL GROUNDS

Constitution of Man Requires, and Word of God Commands One Day in Seven as Day of Rest—Sunday Laws Constitutional.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 28.—Judge William J. Wallace, of the Jackson County criminal court, who has been called with starting the Sunday closing movement in Kansas City, has become a Whistleblower. His amendment in the interpretation of the Missouri law that is to be made to office.

As a result of Judge Wallace's amendment, the crusade has since drawn 20 returns of 100 inquiries from local visitors of the Sunday law and former members of churches who have given their places of business on Sunday. The crusade is still in motion and the judges who will not let his efforts until the law is referred to the voters. Judge Wallace has this statement:

"It is a mistake to suppose that the Sabbath is purely a religious institution and that the enforcement of the Sabbath is for the benefit of the church. Justice Field, a焦人 of the United States supreme court, was right when he said, in one of the supreme courts of California, he declared that Sunday laws are enacted primarily for the protection of labor. We cannot wonder, therefore, that men who work for wages in all the departments of human industry are standing in the unanimous indorsement of the labor unions to which they belong."

Reap Harvest on Sunday.

"Nor should we wonder that inverness burnings are sure upon the friends of Sunday observance, it can on Sunday glut its voracious maw with more of the wages that have been paid the laborer than on any other three days of the week combined. The Sunday sowing is proof of this fact."

"Upon the two doctrines that the constitution of man requires and the word of God commands one day in seven as a day of rest are grounded the Sunday statutes of the several states of the union. With rare exceptions our judicial decisions whose names legion, rest on precisely the same foundation. Adulators and priests could not have pronounced the Sabbath more sacred than have the judges. Sunday laws have been declared constitutional by practically every state in the union. The supreme court of the United States, Justice Brewer, considering the opinion, has decided that we are a Christian people and that Christianity is part of our law."

Hundreds of Places Closed.

"As to the progress of Sunday closing in Kansas City, when the grand jury was convened here in September last over six hundred retail groceries were open on Sunday. Now they are closed. Every barber shop in the city is closed, except a few who observe some other day as Sunday, as permitted by our statutes. The 2,000 places where cigars and tobacco were formerly sold are obeying the law, excepting now and then a clandestine sale. Only three pool halls and three deny the law and two of the latter have recently closed. The credit for this result is due largely to grand jury composed of fearless, manly men."

LAWSON SPRINGS NEW ONE

Has New Political Party, and Nominate Roosevelt and Johnson.

New York, Dec. 23.—Thomas W. Dewey of Boston, who last Tuesday called on President Roosevelt at the white house, and who subsequently said he would probably make a statement to the public within a few days, will, according to an interview to be published by the *World* today, be a candidate for president in 1928. He will launch a new political party, its candidates for president and vice-president will be Theodore Roosevelt and Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota. In his formal announcement Mr. Dewey avoided any direct statement that his chosen candidates have acquiesced in his political program.

"It matters not a whit to me," said Mr. Dewey, "whether President Roosevelt approves or the new party or not, whether he consents to run as its presidential candidate or openly refuses to do so."

"He will be our candidate just the same and by the vote of the people will be compelled to complete the job he has commenced, the rescue of the country from the wholesale thieves of Wall street."

Mr. Dewey claims to have an organization in every state of the union.

30-YEAR EPIDEMIC ENDS

Pittsburgh Now Fights Typhoid Germs with Pure Water.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 23.—With the pumping of the first filtered water through the mains of Greater Pittsburgh, Superintendent C. F. Edwards of the Bureau of Water Works has put an end to the 30-year-old epidemic of typhoid.

Since 1890, Dr. Edward's

more than 100,000 persons have been stricken with typhoid fever in the city of Pittsburgh, 700 die. Last year there were 3,729 cases of typhoid and the death rate was 60. In other words, one person out of every six in the city had typhoid fever.

HE GOT THE MONEY

New Pastor of "Rockefeller's" Church Speaks Out in Meeting.

New York, Dec. 23.—Addressing the newly-organized congregation at the close of his formal sermon, Dr. C. F. Aked, who recently came from Japan to become pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, he declared that he would not contemplate a permanent ministry in the church if the system of giving which made possible a deficiency at the end of the year was continued. "I want," said Dr. Aked, "\$7,000 from you before you leave this church this morning." He got it.



DR. CHARLES F. AKED.

He said the fact that some members of the congregation were wealthy had led others to put the burden of the support of the church on them.

"It is not fair; it is of mean spirit," exclaimed Dr. Aked. "It has raised up a crowd of hungry souls who won't support the church. It isn't fair to me."

Our clothing is from the country's best and most noted manufacturers.

Our hats, caps and headwear comes from the makers who lead in quality and style.

Our haberdashery is a choice selection of all the newest and best ideas on the market.

Perhaps, a few suggestions would help you decide just what would be best to give.

Suits, Overcoats, Fancy Vests, Raincoats, Tie, Gloves, Hosiery, Underwear, Collars, House Coat, Bath Robe, Shirts, Umbrella, Shirt Protector, Pajamas, Night Robe, Muffler, Sweater, Suspenders.

Come and see how many things can show you that would be just right for "the Christmas."

RAN FOR THEIR LIVES

Miner Taps Body of Wife and Mine is Flooded Quickly.

Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 23.—More than 150 miners narrowly escaped drowning in No. 1 slope of the Lehigh Valley and Wilkesbarre Coal company at Allentown through the unexpected tapping of a large body of water in the abandoned No. 1 slope adit.

The water reached to the chin of some of the men, who got to the surface through two separate openings. One life was lost. The victim was Anthony Balvits of McDade, who set off the blast that released the water.

Anthony Janats, who worked next to the chamber of McDade, described his experience as follows:

"I heard the shot and then came the rush of wind. Next I heard a roar. I knew at once what had happened and made for the gangway and headed to everybody who did not have lighted lamps to follow them out. We did so and got safely to the surface.

It's hard walking through water up to your neck, not knowing when it might get higher and drown you. I thought surely we would drown."

If the mine had been equipped with shafts, with elevators, instead of slopes, up which men can walk, shafts might have been a great less of life, as the cages can only carry about a half dozen men on each trip.

The rush of air was so great when the water broke through that the lights on the lamps of most of the men in the slope were extinguished.

The foods rapidly subsided. Nine men lost their lives in this mine last year through a mine dump.

BEAVERS BUILD HOMES

Little Animals Fall Valuable Monroe County Timber for Game.

McGhee, Pa., Dec. 23.—Beavers are doing much damage to timber in Hamilton, Monroe county, and the little animals seem to know that the law protects them. On the West farm here, the beavers are felling big trees to build a dam. They are treeless workers and there appears to be quite a colony of the animals. Beavers are also building a dam along McMichael's creek. They have cut down a number of valuable oak and other trees from eight to twelve inches in diameter. The trees are chewed up about six inches from the ground. After the trees are down, they use the small sticks to build themselves homes. Where there is much water they will float good-sized sticks down a stream, cutting up a tree into sections. The animals have never been seen on the West farm before.

The law protects beavers and imposes a fine of \$100 or 100 days' imprisonment for the killing of one. The little animals are only about two feet long, brownish color.

John Mitchell Better.

Indianapolis, Dec. 23.—The condition of John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, has so improved that his physician has informed him he probably will be able to take his Christmas dinner with his family at Spring Valley, Ill.

Officials Charged with Fraud.

Holmes, Mont., Dec. 23.—O. D. as, chief clerk, and J. D. McNeil, head of the survey department of the United States in Holmes, have been arrested on indictments charging them with forgery and conspiracy to defraud the government.

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The Last Day for Holiday Shopping

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Military Brushes	Cushions	Smoking Jackets	Ties
Jewel Cases	Cushion Tops	Bath Robes	Hats
Belt Pins	Silk and Wool Waist	Fancy Vests	Fur Caps
Hat Pins	Patterns	Hand Bags	Gloves
Combs	Fancy Linens	Trunks	Underwear
Vanity Tags	Table Damask	Overcoats	Cuff Links
Pocket Books	Fancy Veils	Ladies' and Children's	Shirts
Belts	Lace Curtains	Fur Sets	Collars
Scarfs	Rugs	Ladies' Waists	Silk Scarfs
Ladies' Handkerchiefs	Portiers	Slippers	Socks
Fancy Collars	Hosiery	Julietts	Coat Sweaters
Kid Gloves	Pictures	Leather Collar Boxes	Sweaterettes
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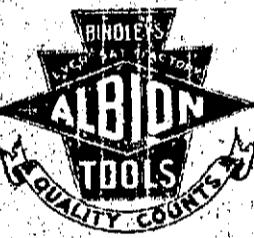
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TAX ON COAL FOR SUFFERERS

Plans for Operators to Pay
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WANT OTHER TAXES REMOVED.

Idea in the Rough is to Create a Big
Fund of which Injured Miners
Would be Pensioned and Widows
and Orphans of Mine Disaster Vic-
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The recent mine disaster will re-
sult in the introduction of many bills
in Congress for the purpose of pre-
venting the frequency of gas and dust
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